

Official Proceedings

June 2, 2009

8:00 am

Chairman Duane Wolf called the meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present.

Chairman Wolf asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Auditor Schulz added Vector Control Director and Southwest Association of Counties Meeting. Comm. Hoff moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting as presented. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff moved to approve the accounts payable including a revised bill from Martin Construction on the Shipley Road. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

General: Payroll: \$119,986.74; Bismarck Ramkota: \$110.00; Alice Schulz: \$92.00; Meritcare Medical Group: \$728.12; Commission for Continuing Legal Education: \$25.00; West Payment Center: \$525.66; Dakota Water Treatment: \$37.75; CNA Surety: \$50.00; RaeDeen Weinberger: \$615.20; SBM Inc: \$1,196.41; Jeanne Kadrmas: \$25.00; Runnings Supply: \$53.51; B & M Security: \$16.50; Braun Distributing: \$579.16; Dickinson Supply: \$10.09; DJ's Tesoro: \$79.70; Mann's Plumbing: \$60.00; Mid-West Doors: \$39.20; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$69.89; Nitro-Green: \$232.00; Northwest Iron Fireman Inc: \$28.30; R J Distributing: \$10.00; Steffan Feeds: \$42.00; Steffan's Saw & Bike: \$6.95; City of Dickinson: \$7,759.53; MDU: \$1,810.18; Roughrider Electric: \$176.00; Walmart: \$324.28; NDPers: \$13,508.03; Hardy, Maus & Nordsven: \$675.00; Sandness Law Office: \$172.50; Stutsman County Auditor: \$352.50; Farmers Union Oil of Bis/Man: \$1,245.75; Tesoro Fleet Service: \$976.54; Alltel: \$709.50; Consolidated: \$592.63; Qwest: \$487.00; Big Sky Supply: \$37.00; Britton Jewelers: \$107.99; Great Plains Directory: \$80.40; Xerox Corporation: \$285.96; Alice Schulz: \$21.29; David Bauer: \$225.00; ND Office of State Treasurer: \$738.47; Dickinson Parks & Rec: \$60.32; T-Rex Conoco: \$344.78; Comfort Inn: \$55.00; Visa: \$266.29; Post Board: \$45.00; 4 Seasons Trophies: \$15.00; SW Wireless: \$125.00; Advanced Business Methods: \$585.08; Wanner Western Wear: \$344.99; Dickinson Tire: \$550.72; Electronic Communications: \$400.00; Kohler Communications: \$42.00; Pro Tint: \$180.00; Sure Sign: \$380.00; Farmers Union Oil of Richardton: \$91.83; Killdeer Veterinary: \$60.87; Todd Weiler: \$60.00; LEC Maintenance: \$6,827.30; Stevenson Funeral Homes: \$450.00; American Bank Center: \$287.79; Sax Motor Co: \$166.90;

10 Mill: Johnston Fargo Culverts: \$2,259.23; Martin Construction: \$156,873.73; Outback Lumber Supply: \$1,849.50; Kadrmas Lee & Jackson: \$9,988.65;

County Road: Martin Construction Inc: \$495.00; Northern Improvement: \$30,854.30; Butler Machinery: \$16,964.35; Alltel: \$89.60; City of Belfield: \$17.73; City of Dickinson: \$60.99; City of Richardton: \$54.90; Consolidated: \$33.14; MDU: \$426.35; Qwest: \$54.78; Roughrider Electric: \$800.00; Southwest Water Authority: \$41.83; Carquest Auto Parts: \$273.26; Dickinson Supply: \$170.81; Fastenal: \$43.55; Hedahls Headquarters: \$46.08; Kohler Communications: \$5.50; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$427.05; Prairie Auto Parts: \$38.23; Runnings Supply: \$356.75; Diamond Truck Equipment: \$95.00; Midwest Auto Glass: \$380.58; NW Tire Inc: \$231.05; Ray's Auto Electric: \$239.90; Sax Motor Co: \$67.86; Schmidt Repair Inc: \$917.35; Tom's Body Shop: \$276.85; Brown's Field Service: \$2,187.21; Dakota Farm Equipment: \$98.61; Lenny's Repair: \$3.71; Stone Mill Inc: \$37.50; Titan Machinery: \$69.80; Powerplan – RDO: \$500.00; Missouri Valley Petroleum: \$2,705.20; Southwest Grain: \$8,900.11; West Dakota Oil: \$2,359.61; Steffan Feeds: \$530.50; Dakota Tool & Machine: \$8.00; Dickinson District Dept of Transportation: \$12,888.38; Fisher Sand & Gravel: \$16,369.62; American Bank Center (Exxon Mobil Oil Corp): \$52,274.89; B & W Rental Inc: \$75.00; Dickinson Press: \$214.90; Payroll: \$172.08;

Highway Tax Distribution: Payroll: \$68,918.24; NDPers: \$14,902.86;

Social Welfare: Dickinson High School: \$150.00; PESI: \$189.00; ND Dept of Human Services: \$5,931.64; NDEWA: \$40.00; Payroll: \$151,519.66; NDPers: \$37,398.16; Social Services: \$19,358.32; West River Conference: \$855.00;

County Poor: ND Dept of Human Services: \$9,319.40;

IT – Computer/Updates: Payroll: \$4,410.00; NDPers: \$1,172.15; American Bank Center: \$317.73; Alltel: \$21.87; Consolidated: \$158.76; Tyler Technologies: \$12,317.00; Hewlett-Packard: \$48.00; NDACO Resources: \$1,550.54; SBM Inc: \$1,791.93; Visa: \$309.59; Information Technology Dept: \$1,183.15; Official Payment Center: \$225.00;

Capital Improvement: Strongform: \$5,000.01;

Fair Board: Stark County Fair Board: \$1,142.64;

County Jail: SWMCCC: \$56,863.76; St Joseph's Hospital: \$89.00;

Insurance: American Insurance Center: \$650.00;

Comp Health: Blue Cross Blue Shield: \$144.80; NDPers: \$19,064.48;

VSO Fund: Payroll: \$5,784.26;

Social Security: American Bank Center: \$25,438.38;

Advertising: Dickinson Press: \$204.75;

County Agent: Payroll: \$4,108.85; NDPers: \$374.72; Agriculture Budget Office: \$198.44; Sharon Kickert-Gerbis: \$174.90; Kurt Froelich: \$452.40; Consolidated: \$176.18; SBM Inc: \$116.67; Advanced Business Methods: \$1,697.03; Brenda Erie: \$100.00; Deb Theurer: \$100.00;

Weed Control: Payroll: \$8,556.66; NDPers: \$1,552.48; Alltel: \$23.07; Walmart: \$167.28; Quality Quick Print: \$193.80; Runnings: \$162.85; American Bank Center: \$130.05; NDPers: \$420.64;

9-1-1: Payroll: \$5,301.24; NDPers: \$1,724.04; American Bank Center: \$359.25; City of Dickinson: \$6,842.91; Dan's Supermarket: \$26.47; Qwest: \$1,606.10; Consolidated: \$626.00; Reservation Telephone: \$80.00; NDACO: \$9,963.36; SBM Inc: \$192.95; Walmart: \$89.48; Dickinson Area Ambulance Service: \$989.50;

Adult Education: NDSU Pesticide Program: \$42.00;

Domestic Violence: State Treasurer: \$805.00;

Traf Safety Grant: Payroll: \$5,261.01;

Estimate Tax: Magdalena Hellman: \$59.00;

Game & Fish: ND Game & Fish Dept: \$868.50;

DJS Transport: Farmers Union Oil of Bis/Man: \$296.74;

SW Victim Witness Program: Alltel: \$101.72; Consolidated: \$3.88; Payroll: \$3,489.96; American Bank Center: \$255.03; NDPers: \$637.01;

Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center: Domestic Violence: \$472.39;

Preservation Fee: Cass County Treasurer: \$537.00;

State Reimbursements: Joseph Salvatore: \$25.00; David Wallace Jr: \$25.00; Brian Koskovich: \$25.00; Rusty Knuths: \$182.50; Matthew Lee: \$25.00; Casey Jones: \$50.00; Joshua Jorde: \$25.00; Mike Hanel: \$25.00; Mickey L Neurohr: \$25.00; Amy Dohrmann: \$25.00;

Siren Contingency: Denny's Electric: \$407.00;

Other Reimbursements: NDPers: \$540.00; Consolidated: \$178.24; Visa: \$33.35; Citicapital: \$33,660.16;

Judgment Execution: Bank of North Dakota: \$72,761.67; Clerk of Court: \$13,448.33; Stark County Sheriff's Dept: \$1,305.00; Credit Bureau of Bismarck: \$200.00; Roberta Freer: \$40.00; Violet Zinke: \$100.00;

911 Equipment: Archonix: \$5,400.00; Alltel: \$103.44;

Jackie Wike, Bonds Attorney for DSU Foundation, presented two MIDA Bond Issuance Resolutions. Comm. Elkin moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Variable Rate Bond Resolution. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried. Comm. Zander moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Fixed Rate Bond Resolution. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Brent Pringle, Interim Emergency Manager, inquired what to do with surplus items with no value. Discussion was to dispose of those surplus items.

Brent Pringle gave an update on the number of Swine Flu virus cases reported in the state.

Brent Pringle gave an update on FEMA. The state of North Dakota will receive approximately 42.7 million dollars.

Brent Pringle extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the LAPC meeting, which deals with response planning to hazardous materials. The meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 6:30 pm in the LEC building.

Brent Pringle extended an invitation to the Commission to attend a DES workshop. The workshop is scheduled for June 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Brent Pringle reported Stark County will receive approximately \$170,000 for snow removal.

Brent Pringle inquired on the Radar Base Hill tower replacement, whether Stark County still intends to own the tower and lease the land.

Sheriff Tuhy gave an update on the task force and monthly transports.

Sheriff Tuhy introduced Matthew Hanson as the new deputy officer recently hired.

Sheriff Tuhy reported that six truck regulatory scales did not meet recertification. New scales cost approximately \$4,000 each.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, gave an update on road conditions and repairs.

Al Heiser requested the Chairman to sign the On Site Improvements contract and contract bond. Comm. Hoff moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the On Site Improvements contract and contract bond. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Al Heiser requested the Chairman to sign the County Agreement for Construction of Federal Aid Project (Safety Program). Discussion was held to gather more information. The Commission will review it at the July meeting.

Al Heiser requested the Chairman to sign the Construction Engineering Service Agreement. Comm. Elkin moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Construction Engineering Service Agreement. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:00 AM for a Park Board meeting.

The Board reconvened at 9:50 AM.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, reported that mill levy funds can be used for the Green River Bridge. The local share would be approximately \$200,000. Tim Kelly also discussed revisiting the mill levy program process and guidelines.

Tim Kelly discussed the rerouting of the Golf Course road.

Matthew Remyse, Airport Manager, reported on the expansion of the airport terminal. The estimated expansion cost is two million dollars. Matthew Remyse requested \$100,000 in support from Stark County

The County Board of Equalization began at 10:00 AM. Stark County Tax Assessor, Diane Brines presided.

Diane Brines, County Assessor, read Chapter 57-12 from the North Dakota Century Code.

City of Dickinson, City Assessor, Jan Zent, reported in the City of Dickinson there was an average 11% increase, market value increased to \$841,182,950 and taxable value to \$38,848,511 for 2009. Comm. Hoff moved to accept the 11% increase to City of Dickinson valuations recommended by the City Assessor. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of Belfield there was a 10% increase on residential properties and a 3% increase on commercial properties, market value increased to \$16,097,300 and taxable value to \$747,034 for 2009. New residential construction of \$68,900 was reported. Five veteran exemptions were reported. Comm. Zander moved to approve the City of Belfield valuations. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of South Heart there was a reevaluation on residential properties, market value increased to \$10,133,500 and taxable value to \$461,599 for 2009. New residential construction of \$154,200 was reported. One residential exemption and one veteran exemption were reported. Alvin Galster Jr. voiced his disagreement with his valuations. Comm. Zander moved to approve the City of South

Heart valuations. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of Gladstone there was a 10% increase on residential properties, market value increased to \$3,186,800 and taxable value to \$145,437 for 2009. New residential construction of \$140,100 was reported. Three residential exemptions were reported. Myran Rambousek voiced his disagreement with his valuation. Comm. Zander moved to approve the City of Gladstone valuations. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

City of Taylor, Assessor, Lorna O'Connor, reported in the City of Taylor new residential construction of \$137,400. Market value increased to \$2,816,900 and taxable value to \$128,681. Diane Brines, County Assessor, recommended a 10% increase to residential structures. Comm. Elkin moved to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and increase the City of Taylor's valuations by 10%. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of Richardton there was a reevaluation on residential properties, market value increased to \$16,845,800 and taxable value to \$768,479 for 2009. New residential construction of \$152,300 and new commercial construction of \$118,800 was reported. Four veteran exemptions were reported. Shawna Singer voiced her disagreement with her valuation. Comm. Kuntz moved to approve the City of Richardton valuations. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the county market value increased to \$400,165,300 and taxable value to \$19,184,921 for 2009. There was new residential construction of \$5,942,400, and new commercial construction of \$1,736,200 for 2009. Twenty-nine new residential exemptions and 8 veteran exemptions were reported. Countywide there was an average increase of 5%. The average increase when taking into consideration the City of Dickinson, small cities and rural Stark County is 9.2%. Farm land had a 3% increase to value, the average value per acre is \$206.25. Comm. Elkin moved to approve the County valuations. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Tom Henning, States Attorney, discussed restricted parking for security reasons.

Discussion was held regarding a building with enough office space to accommodate several entities. Larry Bernhardt, Social Services Director, will do an assessment of office space needed for each entity.

Auditor Schulz reported that the Stark County Vector Control Board requested that Bridget Lewis be appointed Director. Comm. Zander moved to appoint Bridget Lewis as the Stark County Vector Control Director. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Auditor Schulz reported the Southwest Association of Counties meeting is scheduled for June 29th. All commissioners will attend. Veteran Service Officers becoming nationally certified will be requested to add to the agenda.

Discussion was held regarding a request made by the St. Anthony Building Committee requesting to be considered a voting precinct location.

The following **Miscellaneous Receipts** were filed: General: \$44,526.45; County Road: \$418,272.32; Highway Tax Distribution: \$1,247,985.50; Social Services: \$68,552.25; IT-Computer/Updates: \$253.60; Capital Improvement: \$19,616.05; County Park: \$143.83; Social Security: \$1,491.35; County Agent: \$180.00; Weed Control: \$12,809.50; 911 Revenue: \$21,851.96; Adult Education: \$18.04; Asset Forfeiture: \$275.00; Fingerprint Station: \$128.00; Domestic Violence: \$595.00; Estimate Tax: \$10,631.16; Game and Fish: \$14,574.50; Security/Transfer DJS Reimb: \$853.22; SW Victim Witness Program: \$1,205.28; Hazardous Chemical Prep: \$1,725.00; Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center: \$472.39; Preservation Fee: \$1,422.00; Other Reimbursements: \$34,419.31; Judgment Execution Revenue: \$87,855.00; 911 Equipment: \$7,283.95;

Comm. Elkin moved to adjourn. Comm. Hoff seconded.

Alice Schulz, Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman